



NEWS RELEASE

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TRAFFIC IMPACTS -- Roadway Closures NORTH MARKET STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

REDDING -- State Route (SR) 273 north of the downtown area, also known as North Market Street or the Miracle Mile, is currently undergoing major improvements. Due to the complexity of the work and the close working conditions between Quartz Hill Road and Benton Drive, portions of the road will be closed during the weekends. Changeable Message Signs and the Highway Advisor Radio will alert motorists to construction dates. The diagram below shows the current construction, staging plan. Routine work that does not necessitate complete roadway closures will continue Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 7PM and 6AM.

Stage 1 Start: August 19th @ 7PM, End August 22nd @ 6AM; Limits of work: Northbound side of North Market Street from Quartz Hill Road to just north of Arboretum Drive.

Stage 2 Start: August 26th @ 7PM, End August 29th @ 6AM; Limits of work: Northbound side of North Market Street from just north of Arboretum Drive to Benton Drive.

Stage 3 Start: September 9th @ 7PM, End September 12th @ 6AM; Limits of work: Southbound side of North Market Street from just north of Arboretum Drive to Benton Drive.

Stage 4 Start: September 16th @ 7PM, End September 19th @ 6AM; Limits of work: Southbound side of North Market Street from Quartz Hill Road to just north of Arboretum Drive.

During each stage, two-way traffic from Quartz Hill Road to Benton Drive will be on the opposite side of the street from the work zone. Traffic to businesses located on the same side as the work, but outside of the work zone, will be controlled by flaggers. When the work zone is directly in front of a business, access will be blocked to vehicle traffic until Monday morning.

Local residents are encouraged to take alternative routes during the weekend construction process on North Market Street. During those periods when complete lane closures are necessary, there will be detours available and ***access to those businesses in the construction area will be available to pedestrians and sidewalks will be open.***

For more information please contact Resident Engineer Jim Wood at 225-3160 or the Public Information Office at 229-0511.

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